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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN LENINGRAD

1. CZECHOSLOVAK CONSUL VEDRAL TOLD CONGENOFF FEBRUARY 15 THAT HUNGARIANS SCHEDULED OPEN THREE POSITION CONSULATE GENERAL IN LENINGRAD BY END OF APRIL. HE SAID CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICES WILL BE LOCATED IN NAKHIMOVA STREET BUILDING, ON OUTER END OF VASIL'YEVSKIY ISLAND. BUILDING CURRENTLY HOUSES LENINGRAD UPI OFFICE AND NUMBER OF APARTMENTS FOR DIPLOMATS AND WE ASSUME HUNGARIANS ALSO WILL BE GIVEN APARTMENTS THERE.

2. OFFICES WILL BE CLOSE TO NEW INTOURIST HOTEL BEING BUILT NEARBY BY SWEDES, BUT LOCATION IS OTHERWISE INCONVENIENT AND LOCATED WELL AWAY FROM OTHER CONSULATES GENERAL IN LENINGRAD, ALL OF WHICH (WITH EXCEPTION OF SWEDEN) ARE IN CENTRAL PART OF THE CITY. SWEDISH CONSULATE GENERAL IS LOCATED ON VASIL'YEVSKIY ISLAND BUT CLOSER IN AND WITH BETTER CONNECTIONS TO METRO AND BRIDGES.

3. COMMENT: WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF HUNGARIAN CONSULATE,
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ONLY EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED IN LENINGRAD WILL BE ROMANIA AND YUGOSLOVIA. VEDRAL KNEW OF NO PLANS FOR OPENING OF CONSULATE BY EITHER OF THESE COUNTRIES. HE ADDED THAT DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HAS TOLD HIM THAT BUILDING ALSO IS CURRENTLY BEING READIED FOR ITALIAN CONSULATE GENERAL, BUT THERE IS STILL NO CLEAR INDICATION WHEN OCCUPANCY WILL TAKE PLACE.

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